(d) what effective measures are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) Under the Growth Centre Scheme, five Growth centres have been sanctioned in the State of Maharashtra. Out of these five Growth Centres four, Akola, Chandrapur, Dhule and Ratnagiri were sanctioned in 30.3.1992 and fifth Nanded in 11.12.1997.

(b) An amount of Rs. 3745 lakhs has been released as central assistance to these five growth centres sanctioned in the State of Maharashtra.

(c) and (d) All the five growth centres allotted to the State of Maharashtra have been sanctioned. Growth Centres have been allotted to various States and UTs at the beginning of the Scheme on the basis of the criteria laid down by a Committee headed by Secretary, Planning Commission. Government do not propose to sanction any additional/fresh growth centres to any State.

Decline in Tea Production

†1532. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tea producing States in the country;

(b) the tea produced by each State during the last three years;

(c) whether the production of tea has declined during the said period; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) and (b) The Tea producing states in the country are Assam, West Bengal, Tripura, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Orissa, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka. State-wise production figures of tea on calendar year basis for last three years are given below:—

(Mn.Kgs.)

Name of the State	1998	1999	2000
Assam	467.05	432.93	451.24
West Bengal	193.79	180.21	180.72
Tripura	6.20	6.39	6.43

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Name of the State	1998	1999	2000
Bihar	0.14	0.47	0.54
Uttar Pradesh	0.3	0.31	0.26
Himachal Pradesh	1.71	1.22	1.25
Manipur	0.08	0.10	0.10
Sikkim	0.11	0.10	0.10
Arunachal Pradesh	0.96	1.06	0.99
Nagaland	0.03	0.04	0.04
Orissa	0.09	0.10	0.11
Mizoram	0.02	0.03	0.04
Meghalaya	0.13	0.14	0.14
Tamil Nadu	132.05	128.09	129.70
Kerala	65.94	67.79	69.35
Karnataka	5.46	5.43	5.47
TOTAL:	874.11	824.41	846.480

(c) and (d) The production of tea in India during 2000 registered an increase of 22.07 Mn.Kgs over 1999. However, the production of tea during 2000 registered a decline of 27.63 Mn.Kgs.over 1998.

The decline in production of tea in India during 2000 over 1998 was mainly due to adverse agro-climatic conditions. Apart from this, the tea producers of North India stopped plucking of green leaf during December, 2000, which reduced the production of tea in India considerbly.

Development of Industries in North Eastern States

1533. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the different measures taken by Government for development of major and small scale industries in the North Eastern States; and

(b) whether the release of funds on the basis of 10 per cent loan and 90 per cent grants can be extended for the development of industries in the North Eastern States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) The New Industry Policy for the North Eastern Region notified on 24.12.1997 includes schemes like development of